

Gulf War Story in *ARMOR* Cited for Distinguished Writing

Historian Stephen A. Bourque's account of the capture of Safwan, site of the surrender talks that ended the Gulf War, was one of only two articles recognized as outstanding achievements in writing on U.S. Army history by the Army Historical Foundation.

"Incident at Safwan" appeared in the January-February 1999 issue of *ARMOR* and recounted the frantic efforts to capture the Iraqi airfield where General Norman Schwarzkopf wanted to hold the talks. When the location was selected, General Schwarzkopf had been under the impression that it was already in Allied hands, but this turned out to be incorrect. Bourque's story described how LTC Bob Wilson's 1-4 Cav was tasked to move to the airfield at Safwan and secure it for the talks, although the location was then still in enemy hands.

(The article is currently accessible at the *ARMOR* web site, knox-www.army.mil/dtdd/armormag.)



The Foundation's award program recognizes significant contributions to the preservation and promotion of the history and heritage of the American soldier. Awards were given in two categories, books and articles. Bourque's entry was cited in the Professional Army Journals category.

Three books were also cited, including *The Eyes of Orion: Five Lieutenants in the Persian Gulf War*, by Alex Vernon. (This book is re-

viewed in this issue of *ARMOR*.) Three frequent *ARMOR* contributors won the other two book awards: Peter Mansoor, for *The GI Offensive in Europe: The Triumph of American Infantry Divisions*, and Professor George F. Hofmann and General Donn A. Starry, who edited *Camp Colt to Desert Storm: The History of U.S. Armored Forces*.

Professor Hofmann's article on tanks in the Korean War is the cover story in this edition of *ARMOR*.